

# Remember

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There's an old saying that the true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade one does not expect to sit.

When you leave a legacy to Trinity, however big or small, you're planting a tree which will grow to provide shelter to many. You're empowering ground-breaking research which will benefit people in Ireland and all over the world. You're supporting students from all backgrounds to access a Trinity education. You're helping preserve our unique campus and heritage for new generations.

Since the granting of its Charter over 400 years ago, legacies have played a pivotal role in Trinity's development, transforming the University over time and enabling it to grow, flourish and achieve its noble mission.

When you remember Trinity in your will, you join a tradition of giving that stretches back over 400 years – and reaches far into the future.

### The power of a legacy

Trinity's great School of Medicine was founded by a generous legacy from the Widow Parsons in 1711. Since then the School has received many gifts, large and small, which have helped develop medical research in Trinity, supporting breakthroughs in areas such as cancer, infection, immune deficiency, TB and malaria. More than 300 years later in 2012, another transformational gift left by Ellen Mayston Bates (nee Breese) helped to launch a major epilepsy research programme which is enabling discoveries to benefit people all over the world suffering from this serious brain disorder.

Another of the College's longest standing gifts dates from 1717 when Mr Benjamin Span's legacy established two annual prizes for "deserving students of narrow means." These prizes were a forerunner of the Trinity Access Programmes (TAP) which today is successfully helping talented students from non-traditional backgrounds obtain a Trinity education. Based on his own experiences as a student in Trinity in the 1960s, Charles Edwards has decided to leave a legacy to Trinity supporting students who face financial hardship. "I remember so well what it was like to be broke and cold in Dublin. I was always shown amazing kindness and generosity by Irish people."







Trinity's magnificent library and art collections have also benefited enormously from legacy gifts, with some of the greatest benefactors being the College's own staff.

Trinity Librarian Paul Pollard's legacy of a unique collection of over 10,000 children's books acquired over her lifetime has enlivened the study of children's literature in Trinity.

Across Trinity in the Arts and Humanities,
Business and Economics, the Social Sciences,
Science and Engineering there are myriad
examples of research and scholarship, made
possible by legacy gifts. Legacies have helped
fund the construction of landmark buildings
on campus, the endowment of academic
posts and a wide array of student prizes and
scholarships.









#### What will your legacy be?

A gift in your will to support Trinity College is a generous, far-sighted act that will benefit the University for years to come. If you would like to remember Trinity in your will, after you have provided for your family and loved ones, there are a number of different options:

- Financial Legacy of a sum of money or shares.
- Gift of an asset.
- Residuary Legacy, leaving the College all or a percentage of your estate after making a number of specific bequests.
- Reversionary Legacy, allowing you to leave assets to a chosen beneficiary whilst giving a named person the benefit of them during his or her lifetime.

A straightforward legacy can be made either by Will or by Codicil and we would be delighted to provide a suggested wording to ensure that a gift can be efficiently transferred to the University. We do, however, recommend that you always consult your solicitor who will be able to advise you in light of your own particular circumstances.

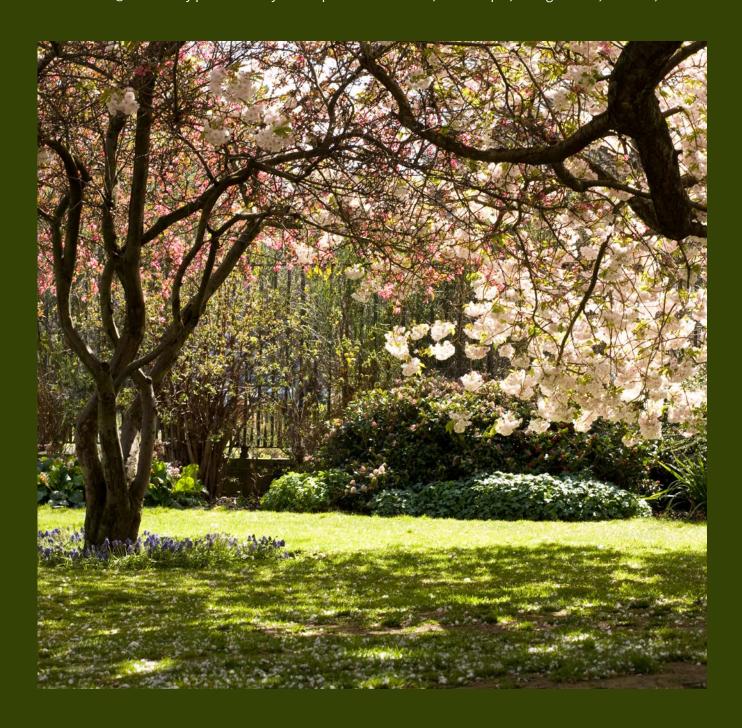
If you choose to remember Trinity and would like to allocate your legacy to a specific purpose - for example a particular Department or research area, scholarships or student support, or to honour or commemorate a named individual - please feel free to discuss your intentions with us, in confidence, to ensure that we fully understand and can act on your wishes.

Alternatively, you may wish to leave an amount to be spent at the Provost's discretion. Legacies for general purposes enable the College to respond quickly and effectively to new, unexpected discoveries or needs.

## Taking the next step

If you are considering making a provision for the College in your will, after you have safeguarded the security of your family and loved ones, we are very grateful. Your will is a private document but if you choose to inform us of your intentions, that gives us the opportunity to thank you for your support and keep you informed about developments in the University. Any information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and is not binding in any way.

Even if you are only at the very early stages of planning, we would be very happy to answer any questions you might have. Please do feel free to contact Carmen Leon at any stage by phone at 01 896 1379, by email at carmen.leon@tcd.ie or by post at Trinity Development and Alumni, East Chapel, College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland.





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